

Motion to dissolve the mHealth sub-group of the eHealth Network

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Background

In 2014, the European Commission published a [green paper](#) on mobile health, detailing the need for further action on mobile health in Europe. This call for action was taken up by representatives of all EU member states coming together as the eHealth Network, which in 2015 launched the mHealth sub-group. As its first deliverable, the sub-group published a [report](#) on national mHealth strategies on the 21st of November, 2016. At the 10th eHealth Network meeting, the mandate of the mHealth sub-group was extended to work on proposals for concrete actions in the field of mHealth. These proposals were presented to eHealth Network members in May, 2017 in the form of a new report titled „[mHealth sub-group suggestions for future work](#)“. The actions proposed for the Multiannual Work Programme (MWP) 2018-2021 of the eHealth Network were the following:

1. Common assessment framework for coordinated mHealth app endorsement
2. A collaboration platform for coordination and knowledge exchange
3. Interoperability and standards development

The group further proposed a list of complementary actions:

1. Training, education and awareness raising
2. Health system outcome monitoring
3. Funding instruments to support system-wide implementation

Since the report, a number of key developments have taken place. First and foremost, the MWP 2018-2021 was adopted, incorporating the bulk of recommendations from the mHealth subgroup's report on future work. The influence of the mHealth sub-group is particularly felt on priority area A ("Empowering People"), though some aspects such as interoperability and outcome monitoring permeate other areas as well. Secondly, the new Joint Action to support the eHealth Network ("eHAction") was launched in June, 2018. This Joint Action carries forward the priorities of the new MWP and features a dedicated work package to support focus area A, co-led by the current chair of the mHealth sub-group. Thirdly and finally, the initiative to establish the EU mHealth Hub was launched, led by WHO and ITU and funded by the European Commission. This hub works closely with the eHAction Work Package on Empowering People and among its priorities is the development of an assessment framework for mHealth.

Following the publication of the report on future work, the mHealth subgroup, having effectively fulfilled its mandate, has not convened for any new meetings for the past year.

Proposal

To dissolve the eHealth Network sub-group on mHealth.